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"*Lord, teach me what to say and do*
For this one day;
And, as the hours go fleeting by,
I humbly pray
That I low at Thy feet may lie,
Where so I may
Hear softest whisper of Thy voice
To go, or stay.

"*To go will be to work for Thee*
Through good or ill;
To stay may so much harder be,
Just standing still!
Lord, open Thou mine eyes to see
Which way is Thine;
That day by day I may please Thee,
My Lord Divine."

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DEVOTIONAL AND EDITORIAL

God's Remedy for Business Depression

By Pastor W. E. Henson

Forrest Baptist Church, Melrose, N. Mex.

This article has appeared in other publications, but its message is so timely that we do not hesitate to use it. Permission to reprint has been given by The Western Recorder of Louisville, Ky.

"If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

—*2 Chronicles 7:14.* (*R. V.*).

WE ARE living in a period of very unusual conditions in this land of ours. Seldom has there been so much want—even actual suffering. People, by thousands, are unemployed and destitute of the necessities of life. Privation and suffering, even starvation, abound. Yet we are told by those who ought to know, that the primary cause of these conditions is overproduction. The world and our country never had a greater surplus of wheat or of cotton. Why then should this condition be? What is the remedy? That conditions are bad, all will admit; as to the cause and the remedy, there are many opinions.

There have always been, in all countries, periodic depressions—periods of hard times. There possibly always will be such depressions in greater or less proportions. As a pendulum swings back and forth, so civilization swings from prosperity back into adversity. The one logically produces and follows the other. In the very mountain peak of Israel's national prosperity, the Lord Himself spoke the words of the text to the king. God says, in effect, that this period of prosperity shall not last always, but will, soon or late, be followed by hard times. Then God continues and gives a remedy for the hard times when they come.

I

"*My people . . . called by my name.*" God's people hold the key that will open a new era of prosperity. It was so in Solomon's time—God said it should be so in all times. Israel was God's peculiar people. They were God's chosen people. They were called by His name. God said, "If my people" will do such and such things, "I will heal their land."

The primary cause of such conditions is sin. The "hard times" are caused by the sin of God's people more than any others. Thirteen times in the Book of Judges does the nation traverse a cycle. They forget God in periods of prosperity. They turn

aside to idols. Then, God permits them to suffer oppression at the hands of their enemy. Then, they pray and turn back to God, repenting of their sin. Then, God hears and raises up for them a deliverer, and they are delivered and have prosperity again.

We have forgotten God. This Christian nation has forgotten God. We spend more than three billion dollars annually for pleasure alone. We spend another two billion for tobacco alone. We spend another two billion for soft drinks, candy, chewing gum, jewelry, etc. For pleasure, tobacco, soft drinks, and jewelry, we spend seven billions of dollars each year. Church members and Christian people are spending their part of these sums. What does the Lord get out of our income? True, the total would amount to millions, but tobacco and pleasure and luxury run into billions. Roger Babson estimates that Christian people do not give more than one per cent of their income into the Lord's treasury, when He plainly requires no less than ten per cent.

II

"*Will humble themselves.*" In recent years, we have been lifted up with pride. The wealth of the world flooded our land in the years following the Great War. Wealth almost always brings pride. We are a proud nation. We boast of our wealth, our power, and our glory. Nor is it true of the nation alone. It is true of Baptists as well. My, how we exalted ourselves and boasted of our achievements during, and immediately following, the period of the 75-Million Campaign! Other denominations, too, put on similar campaigns of boasting. God's Eternal Truth says, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." And again, "When pride cometh, then cometh shame." Yet in all our proud boasting we never even reached the tithe of our duty. In the period of the greatest advance, the Christian people never put into the treasury of the Lord the tithe of the tithe.

Adversity, of necessity, follows prosperity just as shame follows pride. It must be so. God in His wisdom permits it for our good.

But what is the remedy? God said, when adversity comes, "If my people . . . will humble themselves." Never did a people need to humble themselves more than do we. We need to get on our knees in sackcloth and ashes before God. In our pride we were doing great things. Now we are beginning to feel our need of a higher power. We are beginning to feel our need of God. No one has a remedy. Human wisdom is unable to meet the need. We need to humble ourselves before God, for "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." But until we reach that extremity of humility, God cannot afford to bless. The fact of the matter is, we can't get along without God. Now, will we humble ourselves before Him?

III

"*And pray.*" Prayer changes things. Prayer is a solvent of difficulties. And humility is a necessary attitude for prayer.

Do we believe in prayer? Are we sincerely and earnestly praying? If not, we are not in the proper attitude for the return of "good times."

There was a time during the World War when everything seemed to be going against the Allied forces. The Allied armies were beaten back until the enemy's guns

were within firing distance of Paris. We were having difficulty in getting our men across. Things looked dark indeed. Then our President called upon the Christian people of America to pray. And we prayed. We met in our churches for special praying. God heard and answered our prayers. We need a revival in humble praying as we need nothing else. Let us pray.

"*And seek my face.*" Not only do we need humility and prayer, we need a revival in seeking God's will. We have been busy going about with our own plans. We have been asking God to bless our plans. We have been asking God to bless us and enable us to buy another farm, or build a nice home, or buy a better automobile. In church and denominational work we have often assumed the same attitude. "God bless us in our plans for the advancement of thy Kingdom," has been the prayer of too many of us. *But the only way to have God on our side is to actively align ourselves with God in His work. Instead of asking God to bless our ways and our plans, we need to to ask for Divine direction in finding His ways and His plan.* God's way is the best way. God's way is the only successful way.

IV

"*And turn from their wicked ways.*" Ours is a sinful nation. Ours is a wicked nation. Crime of every kind is mounting. Our pride and luxurious living of recent years have conspired to break down some of the fundamentals of civilization. There is little home life left in America. No wonder that divorce is common! The Christian Lord's Day of worship and service in the house of the Lord has degenerated into the Continental Sabbath of frivolity and pleasure seeking. There is no wonder then at the lapse of morals and the increase in crime. The foundations of our civilization have crumbled. They must be rebuilt!

The Christian people of the land alone can rebuild these. We have been swept off our feet by the world in these matters. We must turn from our wicked ways. May these times attune the ears of God's children to hear the cry of the needy, and open their eyes to the ripeness of the spiritual harvest about them!

"*Then will I hear from heaven.*" How we need that God in heaven shall hear! Does He hear the cry of the many needy mission boards in America of all the various denominations? Does He hear the cry of our Christian institutions, schools, hospitals, and orphanages? Some of them have closed their doors. Others will soon be compelled to close, unless God hears. Does He hear the cry of the many missionaries no longer able to carry on His work? Does He hear the cry of the thousands of divinely called preachers who are churchless and without any means of support in preaching His Word? Does He hear the cry of many others who have had their salaries cut far beneath their living needs? Does He hear the cry of the orphan? Above all, does He hear the cry of a lost world in need of the Gospel? Yes, He hears, but God's people by their sins are preventing His answering these cries. When we no longer prevent, He will answer.

V

"*And will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*" Here, then, is a direct promise in the words of God Himself to forgive our sin and heal our land, if only we—God's people—will meet the conditions of the promise. God alone can bring order out of the

chaotic condition in which we are today. When we have met these conditions, we will be ready for the return of good times, but not until then.

May we, as God's people, speedily meet these conditions and claim this promise! Prove God and see if He will not heal our land. "*Prove me, and see if I will not pour you out a blessing such as ye shall not be able to receive.*" If you will but meet these conditions, we will have such a revival wave as America, or the world, has never seen.

Marching Orders of the Church

By Pastor J. C. Sisemore

John 4:35: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

THE great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ constitutes the marching orders for every child of God. The church is composed of individual believers. Therefore, the commission is both to the individual believer and to the churches as such.

The Definition of the Missionary Enterprise (Luke 19: 10).

1—It comes from God. Christ was God manifest in the flesh.

2—It is personal. "Go ye." It is not optional.

3—The field is all the world (Matt. 13: 38).

4—The missionary message, "The Gospel."

A Look at the Field.

1—It is white unto harvest. There are 100,000,000 in India who have never heard the gospel. There are 300,000,000 in China who have not been evangelized. There are many millions of poor lost souls for whom Christ died, in other parts of the earth, who have never had an opportunity to accept Christ as Saviour.

2—The laborers are few. Prayer closets are closed. Churches are not praying for the lost of the world. Church members are not giving of their substance for the support of missionaries.

3—The heathen are not satisfied with their religion of superstition. Doors are open all over the world. The depression has caused the multitudes to be more receptive to the gospel of salvation.

Two hundred years ago a church of the Moravians in Germany, under Pastor Harms, turned itself into a missionary society, and in forty years that one church sent out and supported 350 missionaries.

The Base of Missions (Acts 13: 2).

1—The home church is the base of missions. When the churches cease to be missionary, they die spiritually and cease to be anything more than a worldly entertainment

society. No power! No life! "The Egyptians did so with their enchantments." The world can imitate to perfection the work that is being done by many churches today.

2—The home church must win the lost at home; teach and train them for mission work; send them to a lost and dying world; support them with prayers and money while they take the gospel of salvation to a lost world.

3—Christ in His high priestly prayer said: "As Thou hast sent me, even so have I also sent them." Brethren, we are sent ones. Every one of us is a debtor to the whole wide world. We owe the world the gospel of Christ's redemption. "If ye love me, keep my words." Out of love to Christ and a lost world for which He shed His precious blood, we *must* hasten with the Gospel of Redeeming Love.

4—We can do it by praying. We can do it by going. We can do it by preaching the Word and by teaching it. We can do it by personal testimony. We can do it by giving at least a tenth of our income to the cause of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God help us, every one of us, to do it in as many ways as we possibly can! The time is short. The field is white. The laborers are few. The grain is wasting. Millions are dying each year without hope. The Saviour pleads: "Give ye them to eat." The Father wills it. Christ has commissioned it. The Holy Spirit urges it. If we are true to Christ, we will do it.

Missions is the heart of Christianity. Our Christianity may well be tested by our interest in missions. What kind do *you* have?

"Go ye." "I am with you." "Here am I, send me."

"But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself to Thee,
'Tis all that I can do."

WE ARE glad to announce that Miss Jean Rhode plans, God willing, to carry on her usual summer activities in behalf of Jewish mothers and children, on the Fellowship's property at Radost, eighteen miles out from Warsaw, Poland. Pray that Miss Rhode may have sufficient strength and that all needs may be met.

A Missionary Journey

By Moses H. Gitlin

Arrangements for the Journey

INVITATIONS for three Bible Courses, lasting nine weeks, had been received, as well as invitations for three evangelistic visits, which were to last respectively a week, two weeks, and two more weeks. The participants being mostly from among the peasant believers, we had to avail ourselves of the winter season, when they were not so busy. The whole journey was planned to last 107 days. Mrs. Gitlin and the children were not feeling very happy at the prospect, for the journey was taking me away from home the day after Christmas and was to continue until three days before Easter. However, due to circumstances, it was shortened by two weeks, so that I was on the journey only 84 days instead of 107. In spite of this being the longest proposed journey, there was less crying at the parting than in former times, as the children are getting somewhat used to my leaving home. Mrs. Gitlin and our eldest son, Immanuel, accompanied me on the train to the next railway junction, where I had to change trains.

Ground Covered on This Trip

This journey took me into various parts of Poland, including Galicia, a province of Poland which was formerly occupied by Austria; the city of Luck, which is the capital of the government of Wolyn; the town of Parczew, government of Lublin; and other main centers. Between these main stations, I ministered the Word of God in a number of other places, stop over stations, while I was moving from one main center to another. I also visited our own missionary, Brother John Gordiuk, in the assembly at the town of Mlynow, Wolyn. Here we helped in the teaching of the Bible Courses, according to a well planned program, and also in the holding of meetings for believers on special subjects, as well as conducting evangelistic services. I was accompanied on these trips by various missionaries and evangelists and Bible students.

With the Jews

A middle-aged Jew approached me on the train, asking me to lend him a newspaper to read. I handed him a Christian periodical in Jewish. "Missionary paper!" he said, and turned away in disgust.

A young Jewish girl begged me to sell her the Polish Evangelical hymnal from which we sang, saying, "I like these hymns."

In the village of W—— the young Jewish teacher came secretly in order to find out what we believe and teach.

In the same village there reside a poor widow and her two sons and daughter. They have dealings with believers and have learned to love them. They considered themselves highly honored by my visit and drank in the message, as well as attending the meetings. The next day the young lady accompanied us to the city. We traveled slowly, along muddy, unpaved roads, so we had ample opportunity to witness to her about the Lord.

In Tannopol a little Jewish boy got interested in my sermon, and as long as I was dwelling on Old Testament references he helped me along by audibly telling beforehand the names of persons and places. He would make a good missionary—I talked to the Lord about it.

While traveling on the train in Galicia, I met a number of young Zionist "Chalutsim" (Pioneers). They spoke and sang in Hebrew. How sorry I was that I could not join them in the "sacred tongue!" Nevertheless, I witnessed to a few of them, partly in Hebrew and partly in Polish. What a fine class of Jews are these young pioneers for the Holy Land! Prayer ought to go up for those laboring among them. They are the most idealistic of all the Jews.

In the villages of G—— lives a poor Jewish widow who frequents the gospel meetings. She also came to hear me. Bidding me farewell, she said, "S Gospodom!" ("Go ye with the Lord!") as the Russian believers usually say at parting.

While in Luck I was called upon to explain the stereopticon pictures that one of the missionaries was showing. According to the estimation of some, there were about 700 people, half of whom were Jewish. I endeavored to make the message evangelistic.

The next day a special meeting for Jews took

place. There must have been over 400 Jews present, though no special announcements had been made. Testimonies were given by two former Radost students and I, too, gave a message. Some questions were asked after the meeting closed. One Jew expressed dissatisfaction over the fact that the leader of the meeting was rather lively. The leader, however, had learned from many a sad experience that if a large Jewish mass meeting is conducted too stiff and rigid, especially if it is not in a special church edifice, it is not likely to be successful. If we answer the Jewish objections and questions and hatred with a smile, they are disarmed.

A day or two later, two young Jews came with a Hebrew New Testament and a sheet of paper, claiming that they had forty questions to ask me. The questions had mostly to do with the contradictions in the accounts as given by the four evangelists. I asked them a counter question: "How do you account for the fact that the decalogue in Exodus 20 contains 620 letters in the original text, while the same decalogue in the same original in the Book of Deuteronomy, fifth chapter, contains 707 letters?" One of them quite wisely replied that Deuteronomy is merely the second law, or a repetition of the old law formerly given, and the writer could allow himself liberty in expressing the same essence in free diction. He was unwilling, however, to apply the same principle in explaining the New Testament differences.

Together with two other teachers, I had a room with a Jewish family while in Luck. The head of the house said that his former good opinion of evangelical Christians had been intensified by his contact with us. I had the privilege of witnessing to them of Christ one whole evening over a cup of tea. The last nine days of the Bible Course in Luck we had evangelistic services, and Jews came to every meeting.

At one of the evangelistic services I happened to remark that about 73 per cent of the Jewish youth in Poland were more or less atheistic. One young Jew protested. He came up to see me after the meeting and, after conversing for a while, parted with me on friendly terms. He came to visit me, attended the meetings, and even took Brother Sofer's address to write for literature.

In the town of Mlynow we did not find as good soil this time as on former occasions, as far as the Jews are concerned, because they had been greatly offended by the conduct of a certain young Jew who had professed conversion and had gotten money from both Jews and Gentiles, deceiving them in various ways.

When traveling on the train, I have only to get out my Bibles (Russian, Hebrew, and Ukrainian) and peep into the books. This makes the Jews curious and a conversation on religious topics is the result.

The town of C—— had been quite stirred recently because a Jewess had been baptized into the Roman Catholic church. The Jews made solemn threats, but of no avail. In the case of a second proposed baptism, the Jews succeeded in persuading the prospective bridegroom not to marry a Jewess. Only a few Jews came to the meetings in this place. Of course, we made no extra efforts this time to reach the Jews specially and the meeting halls are small. The Lord gave me a unique opportunity here to spend an evening in conversation with a professional army officer, a Jew, in the presence of a Roman Catholic family, his friends.

With the Roman Catholics

While for certain obvious reasons I do not specialize on work among Roman Catholics, yet the Lord is pleased to give me opportunities to witness also to them.

While in Galicia, in the city of Tarnopol, our meetings were attended by as many Polish Roman Catholics as by Uniat Ukrainians. My ministry there was in the Ukrainian language—a novel experience, so far as the language goes.

In the city of Chelm I had three meetings—two at the Evangelical Christian Assembly and one at the Polish Baptist Assembly. Several Polish Roman Catholics were in attendance at both of these places, and many of the Polish National church came.

The Polish Roman Catholics are more easily reached in the villages, where the population is predominantly Ukrainian or White Russian. In such places I came across many an individual Polish Roman Catholic, one of whom was drawn to the Lord.

While in the home of the believing landlady in Komarno, near Parczew, three cottage meetings were held. Here I had an almost exclusively Polish audience.

MOSES GITLIN AND GROUP OF BELIEVERS IN POLAND

In a village nearby, the Polish National Church commenced a campaign, as a result of which at least 170 families of that village and neighboring villages joined them. While traveling in that vicinity, we met a wagon on the road, and as we came near to it the faint sound of a little silver bell reached my ear. When I inquired of my native guides as to what it meant, they told me that the man in the wagon was a priest who had with him in a little bag the sacrament, having administered communion to a dying person. In such cases, the priest rings the bell, in response to which the faithful Roman Catholic falls down in worship.

In a train I met a thirteen-year-old girl, a Polish Roman Catholic. Her father being in the railway employ, she had a free ticket, and she was evidently taking products from the village to the city market for sale. This child confessed that she is smoking, drinking occasionally, and reading and playing romances—and yet believing in religion! I gave her Brother Stettler's address, with the suggestion that she write to him asking for a New Testament. The Roman Catholic clergy are more interested in combating sectarianism than in struggling against sin in their churches and communities.

With the Pravoslavny

While on the train, I overheard the conversation of a Pravoslavny priest with a Jewess who was in the same compartment. He had evidently ascertained her home town and was making inquiries as to the local priest. The Jewess, desiring to please the priest, told him that she was attending the classes of religion in the public school. The priest remarked that this was quite natural, since Old Testament history is not offensive to the Jews. Not a word did he say concerning the gospel and its claims! Isaiah 56: 10 finds its modern applications.

In the city of Chelm, one of the Pravoslavny churches has been turned into a motion picture house. What a pity!

While in the village of K——, I was honored by having the local Pravoslavny "Psalomszczik" (reader) pay me a visit and tell me how pleased he was with our gospel meetings. He said, "Such sermons could be preached even in our Pravoslavny church." I gave in that village two talks on the passion of our Lord, this being the season of Lent, or as the Russians call it, "The Great Fast."

With the Intelligentsia

"And the common people heard him gladly." Even though scholars say the Authorized Version does not give the exact rendering, yet what a truth it presents!

In the United States, as well as in England, the evangelical churches are usually made up of intelligent people—people with a goodly amount of education and culture. In Ukrainia and Poland, the gospel

movement commenced with the peasant class and the poorer city folks. It is, therefore, quite a treat if a gospel meeting is visited by any of the more intellectual folks. On some occasions I was privileged to have "intelegentov" at my meetings. Thus, in the city of Luck, a certain public school superintendent came to our meetings, and in the village of Kolechowicze the land surveyor came and listened attentively.

In this connection I might say that much prayer ought to go up in behalf of our brother, Professor Martcinkovski, for it is mostly the intelligentsia who come to his lectures. His is about the only ministry where the more enlightened people of society come to hear the gospel. The villages, however, are teeming with simple folks, and these, too, need the gospel and hear it most gladly when it is presented as it should be.

Good Soldiers of Jesus Christ

The chief of the village of W—— is a believer. While still unsaved, he used to beat his children severely. Now there is such a complete change in him that he and his children are intimate friends, and he is a good example in the village.

Five young men and four young ladies, believers, walked on foot 32 kilometers from the village of Kobyle to the city of Tarnopol to attend our meeting. It was in January and took them seven hours. Then they had the return trip. For the same meeting, a few others walked 45 kilometers. For the farewell meeting in Luck, one brother walked 70 kilometers, while a number walked up to forty miles each way.

During the Bible Courses in Luck I happened to notice the face of one of the younger students during our prayer season. Lo, it was as the face of an angel! A transformed being—a good evidence of the truth of II Cor. 3: 18.

Various Meetings

In the village of Rastoki, the people were so anxious to secure a seat that they began to gather an hour before the appointed time. The meeting started a quarter or half an hour before the regular time, which is a rare experience in a Russian gospel meeting. This same church was to hold a business meeting in connection with the arrival of their leader, but they postponed it for the sake of the meetings for edification and evangelization. The people would not leave the meeting place after the regular services, so we had more singing and brief sermonettes from the preachers. What a joy to feed hungry people! The believers, as well as some of the inquirers, kept a regular holiday during our stay there.

While in the village of Kobyle, we had full days of service. After the regular meetings for believers came the dedication of infants, then the congregational business meeting, and again the evangelistic meeting, with time in between only for meals.

The Lord was pleased to give me special unction of His Spirit at times. Among the messages thus specially blessed by the Lord were the sermons on "When I consider Thy heavens" (Psa. 8: 3), "Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4: 12), and "Come and see" (John 1:39).

While, as a rule, the meeting houses were over crowded where our meetings were held, yet there were a few cases where the meetings for believers were not very well attended, partly owing to poor arrangements and organization, and partly due to the fact that in a number of places in Poland, among the Ukrainians and White Russians, there is a greater awakening among unbelievers than revival among believers.

On the whole journey, lasting 84 days, there was only one day when I had neither meetings nor classes.

Bible Questions

It is the custom here to give the audience opportunity to make inquiries of the visiting preacher. While in most cases we get hackneyed questions, yet sometimes the inquiries are quite original. Here are a few of the latter: (1) Who was Herod? (2) Were the Roman soldiers who murdered the Bethlehem babes guilty before God? (3) What is the meaning of Zion, and why do the Zionists go by that name? (4) What is the meaning of Revelation 6: 6?

Bible Courses

This past year saw quite a harvest crop of Bible Courses. In the main districts, practically every leading denomination organized Courses for Bible study and choir conducting. We praise God for it. Now it has gotten to be the regular thing, and a number of congregations are making arrangements to have Courses next autumn and winter. These Bible Courses are a great help to the native lay

preachers, practically none of whom have ever attended a Bible School or Bible Courses; they help the believers, who are admitted to some of the classes; they help in the evangelization of sinners, for the Bible Courses bring together spiritual forces in the persons of those who teach and those who learn.

Nominally, I had only two Bible Courses on this journey—the one in Luck, lasting a month, and the other one in Mlynow, lasting two weeks. However, in every church that I visited for more than two days they made special arrangements for this type of ministry. In the forenoon I was called upon to teach the preaching brethren; in the afternoon, to have meetings for edifying the believers; and in the evening, regular evangelistic services. Thus, a new era in my ministry has begun. Formerly, we had one meeting in the evening, or possibly two evangelistic meetings a day, in different villages. Now the ministry is becoming less extensive but more intensive. The Lord graciously supplies the needed strength for body, mind, and spirit, but now and then I feel the strain keenly.

My ministry at the Bible Courses consists of the following: (1) An exposition of a chapter from the Gospel of Matthew (in Mlynow it was that of Mark) (2) "Basic" Homiletics (3) A few lectures on general topics, such as letter writing, accounting, table manners, etc. At one of the Bible Courses, I had the privilege also of giving a few lectures on methods of Bible reading and study.

The Interleaved Homiletical Bible

I think I have already reported about the system of the interleaved homiletical Bible which the Lord enabled me to develop. By this time, thirty-seven Christian workers have taken up the system, having their Bibles bound to order by Jacob Repecki, one of our former Radost students. Some of these brethren come to the Bible Courses for private instructions from me as to the workings of this system, so that this, too, is of late becoming a ministry in itself. My Homiletical Bible contains, up to date, 3,220 general sermon outlines, of which 631 are fully worked out and have been used in preaching.

Tract Distribution

In the city of Luck I distributed, directly and indirectly, 20 kilo of literature. In Mlynow it was two kilo or more.

The well-known missionary society in Wernigerode, Germany, "Licht Dem Osten," has, in reply to my requests, granted gratis several copies of the Russian Bible Concordance to worthy but poor Christian workers.

Our own missionary, Brother Fred Stettler, kindly sent me a package of literature, but it arrived in advance of my coming and the postal authorities refused to hold it or to give it to the person in whose care it was sent.

CONTENTMENT IN POVERTY

By S. P. Badantseff

(Translated from the Russian)

I RECEIVED your letter containing support money and also gift for Scriptures, and I heartily thank you. Your letters comfort us in these hard times, and your financial support calls forth in our hearts sincere thanks to our Saviour Jesus Christ for the church which has been purchased by His Blood. The church in Harbin prays for God's blessing upon all the kind donors. May the Lord keep them from the evils of this world, from wicked spirits, from offences and temptations.

We understand that in these days donations are slow in coming in. Since we work by faith in God, we have no right to express our grief because of lack of means. The Lord knows what is best for us. We are not depending upon the abundance of our possessions. We live not only upon bread, but upon God's Word. To be satisfied with God is a great possession. "Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content" (I Tim. 6: 8). A sincere child of God, however, has a struggle when he sees others in need. It is our duty to feed the hungry and to clothe the naked. "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" (James 2: 15, 16). Our kind words alone do not fulfil the will of our Heavenly Father—we must also be "Good Samaritans."

Man is a compound being, and while one portion of his being may be full, another may be empty. There is nothing which can fill the whole man save the possession of Christ.

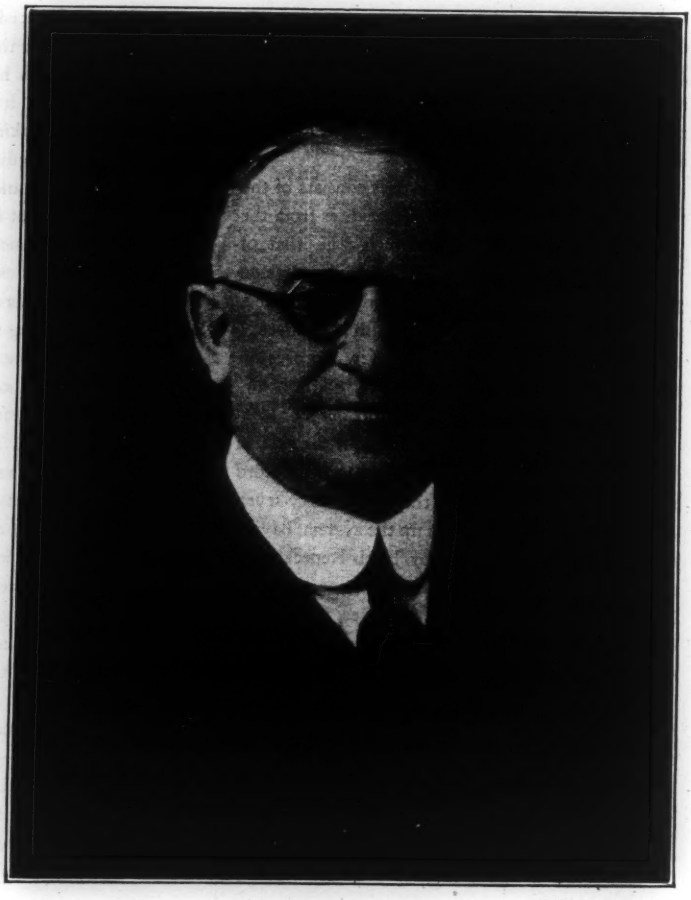
—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

Radio Broadcast Over Station KREG

For readers on the Pacific Coast we announce that Rev. George W. Hunter, our Field Secretary, broadcasts over Station KREG, Santa Ana, California, every other Monday morning from 10 to 10.15. This article is one that Mr. Hunter gave over the air recently.

GEORGE W. HUNTER, Field Secretary for the AMERICAN EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIP, speaking. This organization has active missionary work in fifteen of the European countries once known as "The Holy Russian Empire." This, the third broadcast on this foreign mission period by the present speaker, is to acquaint the friends of the several missionary societies that are broadcasting on this missionary hour of some of the activities of this particular missionary society, and, at the same time, to give some valuable information concerning the portion of Europe that is at this present time in economic and religious chaos. I shall deal largely with the Scriptural aspect of things, and I sincerely pray that you, dear friend, will realize that, in the light of present world unrest, there is but one reason for all of this, namely, mankind has left God out of his plans. The result, the whole world is seeing on every hand. God inspired Paul the Apostle to write to the Roman church these words: "Because man refused to have God in his knowledge, God gave them over to minds doomed to sin and lust" (Rom. 1: 28). Then verses 29-32 give the result of God's "giving them up" to have their own way. Listen to the indictment as uttered by the writer of Romans:

"Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable,



REV. GEORGE W. HUNTER

unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Do you wonder why we hear more about the present conditions in Europe than we do of the same conditions in America? Has your whole being revolted at some of the things you hear, or read about, as transpiring in many parts of Europe, especially among the people of the former Russian Empire? Have you taken for granted that the religious organization which for over one thousand years was the authorized state church of the former Russian Empire, was Christian because the people crossed themselves and repeated prayers? If saying prayers makes people Christian, then the whole world (or most of it) has just as much right to call themselves Christian as we who are professed followers of Jesus Christ. Religion is part of the warp and woof of the whole human race, no matter where they may be found, but religion and Christianity are as far apart as the poles. Religion never gave any person, at any time, positive assurance that they were acceptable to their Creator. "Neither is there salvation in any other," says Acts 4: 12, "for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (but the name of Jesus the Christ).

Man has always chafed at the thought that he was not sufficient in himself. We are all self-centered and this has produced man's trouble. God the Creator has, from the beginning, sought to woo man's heart affections back from the things that he (man) has woven about himself like a giant web that will ultimately plunge him into the abyss. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him (Jesus the Anointed of God) might be saved." This is John 3: 16-17. Listen, radio friend, if you ever expect to escape the wages of sin, it will be through the finished work of Jesus Christ wrought for you and me. There is nothing which you ever did that will merit it, and nothing you can do to secure it. We have many times joined in the hymn, "Jesus paid it all . . . All to Him I owe . . . Sin had left a crimson stain . . . He washed it white as snow."

Europe—that portion known to us as the United Social Soviet Republics—is just the violent outcome of man's attempt to conquer world conditions by the might of his human strength, either physical or mental. When man leaves God out of his program, there is nothing he can do but to batter down all the opposition he is able to, by physical or mental power. This is, and has been, man's history since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. The Biblical record is all given to us in the Law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, and the historical evidence is all there for the person—man or woman, boy or girl—who is willing to take God at His word. That word is all recorded within the covers of that book known to us as the Bible, known to the people of the former Russian Empire as "God's Holy Book" or "God's Word."

Now, to give a short word picture of how this came about. Through all the centuries past in which the Russian Church was the recognized state church, the Tsars sought to dominate the religious as well as the moral life of the inhabitants of territory that covered over one-sixth of the earth's surface. Religious liberty was never known. The people of the former Russian Empire were under the domination of the Russian Church, a branch of the Greek Orthodox Church. The history of how the Russians became identified with what the world has looked upon as part of the Christian church is all given in any good encyclopedia, and it is not necessary for me to take this time to give detailed account of how this started, and grew, till a whole nation of 200,000,000 people were included in the state church of this former empire—all by compulsion from the first, and later all children born into the church were counted, as in every country where any sect of religious people bring up their children religiously, as they did in the Holy Russian Empire (so called).

I want to state here that any nation that recognizes any sect of religious belief as the authorized religion or church of that nation, is starting out headed for chaos sooner or later. For a people who are religiously dominated by the government, with the heart of man avowedly self-centered, there is bound to be exploitation and persecution for any and all who contend with the powers that be, and, as the years pass, the autocratic powers make it

more and more intolerable for those who thus refuse to recognize their authority or contend with them, and usually any such people find themselves in much trouble if they persist. This has been the lot of the 10,000,000 Jews scattered all over that former Holy Russian Empire. They saw in the religious practices of the Russian Church just plain idolatry, and the Jew has hated anything that even savors of idolatry, since 600 B. C., at about which time they were compelled to witness the idolatry of the Babylonian time of captivity. The Chaldeans had the Jews of that time in captivity for seventy years, by the decree of the eternal God. You will find the short word account of this in II Chronicles, the last part of the 36th chapter. You can follow the historical sketch of this and the aftermath in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. The Jews of the time were humiliated before the nations of the world. Idolatry was the order of the day, and they were compelled to witness much of this. If you want a word picture of the way the Chaldeans profaned everything that was sacred to the Jews of the time, read about Belshazzar's feast in the fifth chapter of Daniel's prophecy.

I will not try at this time to give more details, as I want to give you just this in closing and will follow this up every other Monday morning for some weeks to show you that this condition we are facing today is only the logical product of seed sowing. The Jews of the U. S. S. R., the dominating element, are atheistic and communistic, and, beloved radio friend, these same Jews in these last days are seeking to dominate the world governments everywhere. I am a lover of the Jew, but facts are facts, and it is necessary, if we are to understand why things are in their present chaotic condition in Europe, to present them. It is fast spreading to every portion of the earth. Look at China, for instance, and America is being sown with communistic propaganda. Behind the scenes is the communistic government of the U. S. S. R., whose headquarters are in Moscow.

Israel, God's chosen instrument to govern the world, ultimately has covenant rights made through Abraham that have never been abrogated. Satan has chosen to use of the natural seed of Abraham such as he can. The exploitation of millions of them for over one thousand years, during the reign of the Tsars, has embittered them against the "Crucified One." They (this small number) have turned now as instruments in the hands of Satan, and the world is witnessing the power of a few men, with hatred in their hearts, to seek the elimination of the very One that Jehovah said would ultimately succeed, and they, as a people (His people) would dominate the world. Does Satan want this truth to get spread about? Of course not! Therefore, this same being is using the little handful of atheistic Jews to seek to drive out even God Himself from the nation known to us as Soviet Russia. Will they succeed? This question is being asked of me in many places. I can say to the one who does not know the saving power of Jesus Christ—they *may* succeed in driving out *religion* that once posed as the Christianity of the Bible, but as they never had Christianity they cannot drive out something that never was there. Even though they may claim that they will eliminate God from their domain, He will allow them to blaspheme till His time limit is up—then watch the Eternal God move! However, the border countries are receiving thousands of Jews and Russians as they are escaping across into all of them.

I will continue this type of information two weeks from today at this same hour. Send to Rev. George W. Hunter, 312 Ximeno Avenue, Long Beach, California, for free magazine and other literature telling what God is doing in all these border nations now.

Wondrous Love

"I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee" (Jer. 31: 3).

Whatever we get in our daily Bible reading, let us always look for something about the Christ, for Calvary runs through it, from the "Seed of the woman" to "Worthy the Lamb!" Then, in John 3: 16, we have the epitome of it all: "God so loved that He gave . . ."

It amazes me that God should want my love, that He Who has "angels and archangels and all the company of heaven" should care whether or not I respond to His call. But God is *Love* (Christianity's unique message), and since love must have an object which will reciprocate that love, I can see why God must not only want me to love Him, but also make me capable of doing it.

—*Rev. L. Geo. Buchanan.*

Busy Days in the Lord's Service

By John Kovalchuk

Our work here in Carpathian Russia is gradually expanding, and requires more care, wisdom, responsibility, strength, etc. We constantly get calls from different places to come and help. Very often we are unable to do even the most necessary things. Sometimes we are very tired and have no time to take proper rest.

FAMILY IN CARPATHIAN RUSSIA

I wish to tell you briefly of one of our most recent journeys. We got up about four o'clock on Sunday morning, in order to get ready to take a train which goes to the town of Teresva. From there we had to walk six miles, in cold weather, carrying packages of books and tracts, in order to get to the town of Grushovo, where the meeting was to be held. We got there at nine o'clock. After a little rest, the meeting was started about ten o'clock and closed at one o'clock. After the meeting some people usually ask questions. Then, after our lunch, we took a walk and visited a Christian lady who was ill, and met some others.

At four o'clock, we began our Sunday School for the children. Twenty children came, and we had a fine time together. We had a Sunday School lesson, memory work from Scripture, and many gospel songs. They love to sing the gospel hymns and to hear gospel stories. They do not easily tire of this. We closed about six o'clock. At seven o'clock the evening service opened and lasted until nine. After the service, a number of people came to the home where we were stopping, as they wished to talk and to ask some questions.

We went to bed about eleven o'clock. At two o'clock in the morning, an alarm clock woke us up. Our host had to go to the city market early in the morning and he had wound the alarm to waken him. We could not sleep after that, and we soon got up and walked to the station.

We reached our home in Tacovo about seven o'clock in the morning. My wife was very tired and planned to take a little rest. It happened, however, that on account of the big market in our town, many people came from different places around about, and as soon as we got home, the people, one after another, began to call upon us. As we rent only one small room, it was altogether impossible for my wife to take any rest. People kept coming the whole day long. Some asked for a Bible or other spiritual literature; others wished to talk and to ask questions concerning religious matters. Some were believers, and had come from other towns and wished to talk about meetings in their towns. One of them had come on a bicycle from a far-away city, with a petition from the people there that I should come to them for a month or two. Some of these people were very poor, hungry, and tired, and we had to feed them. All day we stayed at home and served them. Only late at night could we go out for a short walk in the fresh air before going to bed. Occasionally some one stays with us for a night. Almost every day, when we are at home, we have some one with us either to eat or to sleep.

I have much correspondence to attend to. I get much mail from different places, both here and abroad. Some people here ask questions and some write for literature. The editors of Russian spiritual

papers ask for material for their papers.

We are trying to organize Bible classes for the children during the week days in some of the towns where we have believers, for we cannot reach them all on Sundays. After these classes, we have good opportunities to hold night meetings for the grown folks. Very often there are different Greek or Roman Catholic holidays during the week, and it gives as good opportunities as on Sunday to hold meetings in any town or village. Now the Easter holidays are coming and these are kept for three days. We are already receiving invitations from many different places to come and have meetings. We need your help, both spiritual and material. Please pray constantly for us and our work here. We are praying for you daily.

God's Work Helped By Opposition

By George Nazaruk

GREETING in the name of Jesus Christ to everybody in our Fellowship Mission. May God's rich blessing rest upon all of you and the work you are doing for Christ's sake! This is the earnest prayer of all our Russian Christians here. We have public meetings with our organized young people in many different places, and we pray earnestly for all believers everywhere that they might be strong in the Lord in this time of crisis. Especially do we pray for the Fellowship, that God might bless every effort they are making to help the missionaries on their fields.

I received both your letters, for which I am very thankful. Brother Polamarchuk is also very grateful for his small gift. You know, my dear brother, how glad I am that you understand my writing and my thoughts. I am thankful to the Lord always that God has given to some of you brethren and sisters in the Fellowship the spirit of Paul (I Cor. 9: 10-23) so that you understand us poor missionaries. When I read your letters, I see that you certainly "partake" with me in all the work that God has given me to do.

I am sending you a picture of the first Ukrainian bishop in Poland—not a Russian, but a Ukrainian, who was elected last year by Ukrainian-speaking people. .He visited Ozenin last November, accompanied by more than twelve priests, four Ukrainian senators, and the mayor of the city of Ostrog. His arrival was attended with great pomp. Our local government gave him six carriages. He rode in front of them all, sanctifying each house in the village and the people whom he met in the street, crossing with his holy (?) hand on both sides of the carriage. He would not ride on the street where our church is located, for that was considered unholy ground.

He had been invited by our local government and priests to come and put a stop to the great evangelical movement in Ozenin and the surrounding territory. They had become quite uneasy because of the visits of John Kovalchuk, Moses Gitlin, and Professor Martcinkovsky (who had debated with the Greek Catholic professor in Ozenin), as well as the meetings we had held with some other brethren. They, therefore, invited the biggest man they could find to come and put a stop to the Lord's work. But the Word of God says, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8: 31) He caused the wrath of man to praise Him, for those who came to see the priest also came to visit our meeting, and we had a longer meeting than usual because of the large crowd of people who came.

After our meeting had been dismissed, we went to see that aged, white-bearded bishop. He was holding his meeting within the fence of their church, with a crowd of more than a thousand people around him. On the fence door and on the door of the church there were signs with big letters—CLAVA (which means GLORY). But after the bishop and his priest were through speaking, there was a Ukrainian political meeting, in which the senators told the people that the word GLORY was for young Ukrainian people and the bishop and not for the Lord our God. After this all day meeting, they all had a great feast, which had been prepared at much expense by the people of Ozenin. Afterward, when they found that he had not helped them very much, they cursed him. The whole affair was a help to us believers and to the Gospel.

I have never in my life begun to study one single part of divine truth without gaining some light about it, when I have been able really to give myself to prayer and meditation over it.—*George Muller.*

Varied and Fruitful Ministry

By Fred Stettler

AFTER several months have elapsed, it is our privilege to send you, as in previous months, an acknowledgment of the abiding mercy of God upon us personally and upon the work in general. We do daily praise God for all of you who have taken a prayerful interest in our personal well-being and in the progress of the work in Eastern Europe, more particularly in Poland.

A Praying Band

There seems to be such a very great difference between the ministry of a traveling evangelist and the constant efforts of a pastor of a church. What would one be without the other? Ours has been the work of a pastor for about three months now, with all the obligations and privileges that such work encounters. Entering the pastorate, I felt the first great need of a praying people. For several weeks, I preached sermons tending to promote the prayer life of the Christians and stirring up interest for a revival. We have thus far not experienced one of those famous sweeping revivals that we find in church history, but one thing we have experienced—the salvation of souls and full prayer meetings, and we believe that this is only the beginning of "great things" (Joel 2: 21). If you want to get a seat at the prayer meeting, you must come early, otherwise you might have to stand. It is a constant and ever increasing joy to us to listen to the many hearty prayers that are being offered by men, women, and young people, and to confirm them with an approving "Amen!"

Souls Saved

I think I have never visited more homes and individuals than I have during the past months. Last week a man was saved, and only last night I heard that he is dying in the hospital. We have just finished a week of evangelistic meetings at the church and rejoice that perhaps twenty or more souls signified that they want to be saved, or else have been saved very recently. All the many newcomers must now be followed up and visited in their homes. I have already had many hours of personal work in the homes here and there. We are not only called upon to bring them the way of salvation, but as the working classes (about 80,000) have been striking because of impossible conditions, we are often called upon to provide a meal for them. Very often we find men and women in bed because they are too weak to be up.

Increased Membership

In a recent class of religious instruction for the Juniors, we studied the call of the prophet Isaiah. At the close of the meeting, I asked how many of them would want to dedicate their lives to the service of God. One bright young fellow expressed his desire to become a minister of the gospel, while seven of the best girls said they would like to serve the Lord as Sunday School teachers. Since January we have been teaching a regular Bible Class with an average attendance of 35 to 40 members. On March 19, 142 members of various churches united with the assembly of which I am pastor. It is a fast growing industrial center and the meeting hall that was built two years ago is proving far too small for any meetings above the ordinary. The uniting of these various members, who have been meeting with us from time to time, meant a lot of work, for they had to be visited beforehand in their homes and examined as to their faith and standing. The elders of the meeting themselves visited more than a hundred homes.

Tract Opportunities

In the field of printing we were not able to do much because of lack of funds. We have at times stood on the field like a soldier at the front without a gun. There are dozens of people who would propagate the gospel in the form of printed matter, but there is no literature. Yet we ventured out on faith and ordered from the printer, 5,000 Yiddish, 15,000 Russian, and 45,000 Polish gospel tracts. Most of these have been shipped to about sixty different addresses of Christian workers in Poland, as well as Russian refugees in Belgium. Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, of the Dallas Theological Seminary, granted us permission for the translation of an article on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. A Russian missionary writes: "I have not seen so good a tract as this one in the last five years." An

American missionary to Poland wrote us: "It is a most valuable and most precious tract and should be spread throughout every part of Poland. There would be less false teaching relating to the subject of the Holy Spirit. Please, if you can, send me more of these tracts." Thus the work is prospering under the good hand of our God, and we rejoice to be channels of blessing for multitudes who have exchanged the truth of God for the lie of this present world and who suffer beneath the burden of their own self-will and folly.

Some day we shall rejoice to reap without ending and to sing the song of redemption among the multitudes that glory in the Lamb of God. In the meanwhile, we commend ourselves and the work as an object worthy of your intercession, and do thank you for the confidence and the sharing of our burdens.

NEWS FROM FINLAND

We rejoice greatly with our good friend, Prof. V. Martcinkovsky, who reports, in a letter dated April 15, that in the University town of Dorport, the auditorium, which seats 800 people, was crowded to accommodate 1,000 people. They witnessed conversions. Pray that God will work mightily.

COMMENDATION

The following is an extract of a letter received from the American Minister in Sofia, Bulgaria:

"My help in Miss Dimkova's activities has been a modest one—only a little joy added for the children at Christmas—but she is doing a noble work among poverty stricken Bulgarians, and only wish I might help her more."

The Power of God

The Gospel of Christ is "the power of God unto salvation" or, as it is expressed in the kindred passage, "Christ crucified is the power of God!" He is the Power of God to atone for sin. He is the Power of God to satisfy justice and meet the requirements of the law. He is the Power of God to rob death of its sting, and the grave of its victory.

—*Dr. J. R. Macduff.*

WHY NOT TRY THIS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

By Margaret M. Griffith

SEVEN ministers of churches in the Lehigh Section of the city of Philadelphia, called their membership to a monthly Day of Prayer. Four ministers who were in attendance (one was ill and could not come) have given themselves to the Lord for a new work in their lives and in the lives of the churches of which they are pastors. They believe that what is needed now is not more speaking, nor preaching, not better equipment, not more efficient methods, but more prayer—prayer which is in the will of God, born of the Holy Ghost. We ask the prayers of all our Fellowship family for these ministers, who are willing to humble themselves before God. Let us stand with them for a mighty revival in their midst.

God gave us rich messages through Pastor O. R. Palmer, Rabbi George Benedict, and Prof. I. V. Neprash. In the evening we had the pleasure of seeing Russia, both Old and New. Mr. Alexander Dobrinin has gathered together, from many rare sources, 600 slides. They give the best idea of the great change for the worse which has come in Russia. During the lecture, music from the well-known Russian composers—Rachmaninov, Tschaikowsky, Lwoff, Stravinsky and others—is played on records electrically amplified. No church or group can afford to miss these lectures. Beyond a doubt, they are the best ever given by a Russian Christian in America.

We beg you of the Fellowship family to pray with us on the Day of Prayer to be held in Germantown, Philadelphia, on May 25th, and especially to remember the young people of the churches of Germantown who will have the privilege of hearing Mr. Legters in the afternoon and evening of the following day. Pray for three students who will give their testimonies, two of them being from the University. One is an American, the second an Armenian, and the third a Georgian (Southern Russia) converted from atheism. Put May 26th on your calendar for prayer.

The man who has constant recourse to the Word of God, and who allows that Word to tell upon his heart and conscience, will be maintained in the holy activities of the divine life.—*C. H. Mackintosh.*

Needy Albania

By Rev. P. B. Kennedy

ALBANIA has a most interesting variety of climate and natural resources. Her ten mountain chains running from north to south, some of whose heights are 8000 feet above sea level and are snow-capped the year round, have table-land where good fruits and grain are grown. Kortcha, the largest city in the southern section, where we have our Evangelical Mission, is located on such a table-land, 2500 feet above the sea. It is recognized to be the most healthful location for educational work in Albania. Other sections of the country, more particularly to the north and along the coast, being of a lower altitude, are found to be more malarial and less healthful. Here we find mountains of olives, as well as oranges and lemons. In our southern section of Albania are found coal, copper, petroleum, and the second best mine of bitumen in the world. It is said other precious metals are to be found in some sections and, of course, Albania has the valuable resource of water power.

There are in Albania some 100,000 Roman Catholics, mostly found in the North, and 200,000 Orthodox Christians, mostly found in the South. The remaining portion of the population, the largest portion, consisting of some 615,000 Mohammedans, are found both in the North and in the South, the Bektoshis being found more particularly in the South and the Sunis in the North. The city of Kortcha, in the southern part of Albania, where, as I said, our Evangelical Mission is located, with its population of 20,000, may be about equally divided between the Orthodox Christians and the Mohammedans.

Religiously, the city of Scutari, in the extreme north, is a strong centre of Catholic education. Tirana, the capital, has a Mohammedan educational institution, and we, in our city of Kortcha, stand as the only Evangelical Mission in Albania. The Orthodox Christians are doing little or nothing toward raising up an educational spiritual leadership. As Mr. Peter Kolonia, the Albanian Evangelical missionary in New England, told me while I was entertained in his home in Worcester, Massachusetts, the present conditions in that church do not attract the most capable and spiritually-minded young men to enter the service of the Church. Personally, I know of no one who is being prepared to take up this service. It has been our hope that our own Evangelical Mission might continue to raise up among the young people of Albania, sincere Bible students, and to help all these elements to rally around its principles, acknowledging God as our Father, and Jesus Christ as our only Saviour. If today we were to ask any one or all of these elements the historic question, "What think ye of Christ?" we could read their answers in their lives and in their teachings. If the sincere missionary of the cross is being withdrawn from the other Balkan states, he ought not to be withdrawn from Albania. But will the Albanian government itself snuff out the life of our Evangelical Mission, the only sincere gospel light now aglow in Albania?

Let us keep asking the Saviour to fulfill his promise and to be with the interests of this Mission and its workers all these days of political uncertainty. Our school received its permit before the days of Albania's constitution; and title to the lands of our farm, when the city gave us free use of the best mountain water, was given us by the government with the understanding that we were to continue our Mission school work. Now reports are coming to us from Mrs. Kennedy that this work is again being considered by the government.

I am writing from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where my address temporarily is Care Mr. Kraus, 900 East Kilbourn Avenue. I am hoping to find some opportunities to speak in the vicinity. During this past month, I have spoken in one Congregational Church, one Baptist, and five Presbyterian.

Mrs. Kennedy writes us that Dalip is the only child still remaining in the hospital, owing to the toboggan accident. We prayerfully trust that he, too, will soon be fully restored to health, God being merciful, for his Mohammedan father has lost ten children! Ask God to graciously bless the means being used.

God Answers Prayer

By Philip Manetz

I HAVE your letters, with payment voucher, and I praise God for His unfailing grace in supplying my every need. Praise God for answered prayer! I have just returned from Warsaw and am glad to report that the matter concerning my visa came out OK. The visa was obtained without any difficulty.

As usual, there is much opposition and many hindrances—"But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: that, as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 5 : 20, 21).

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." "A great and a dense darkness is spreading over the face of the earth. It is the darkness of a coming judgment." But we are praying and believing that our Heavenly Father will send mighty revival before the judgment takes place. The evidences of God's grace are being manifested in the gospel meetings. There is greater interest being manifested among the people, in the Word of God, and tears are often seen on faces in the audience. There is quietness and order in the meetings most of the time. This is the grace of God. Praise God! It is very different from even a year ago. There was hardly a gospel meeting which escaped having a disturbance, and the people who at that time held us in suspicion and feared to let us come into their homes to preach the gospel, are now inviting us and giving us a welcome to their homes to tell the glad tidings of salvation. Thus the seeds are being sown and some of them have fallen into good ground and we believe will bring forth fruit in God's time (Isaiah 55 : 7-11).

There is another great evidence of the nearness of the coming of our Lord to this earth again—the manifestation of hatred in the hearts of men toward each other. Last week two houses were burned down about two miles from our village. The owners were neighbors, one of them being a very quiet man, and the other a man of bad reputation. The quiet man had a family of five children, while the other had two children. The wicked man was in his house when the dogs suddenly began to bark about 9.30 P. M. He ran out, and behold, his house was on fire. He started to throw furniture and other things out of the house, caring nothing about his neighbor's interests. The roofs being made of straw, in a few minutes his neighbor's house was in flames, while the family slept on. The wicked man made no effort to waken the family of seven, but a distant neighbor quickly ran and woke them up, with the exception of a little eight-year-old girl, who had burned to ashes. The father, too, was badly burnt. This will illustrate the wickedness of the human heart and the disregard of God, which is a sign of this present age. Yet this wicked man is a member of the Greek Orthodox Church!

While I was in Warsaw, I met a Christian woman who had just come from Germany. All citizens of Poland must leave Germany immediately. Mr. Hitler said, "For the Jew there will be dark night and fire."

"And this, knowing the season, that already it is time for you to awake out of sleep; for now is salvation nearer to us than when we first believed" (Romans 13 : 11 R. V$_1$).

Prayer Requests

Please pray for a man and his wife, who had been Christians for six years and now have gone back into the world.

Please pray for the salvation of a Roman Catholic, a well-educated man.

Recently five men professed their faith in Christ. Please pray that they may grow in grace.

Please ask the blessing of God upon the personal work and the distribution of tracts and Gospels.

Please continue to pray for the demon-possessed man. He is much better.

I have three brothers who are still in darkness. Please pray for their salvation.

Thank God for answered prayer concerning my visa and passport.

Please pray for a mighty Holy Ghost revival in the body of Christ.

Labors and Appreciation

By D. Prystupa

Dear Brother Hogg:

The grace of our Lord be with you! I received today your dear letter, for which I thank you heartily, and I also thank you for the help received for myself and for the Gospel Hall. I am very grateful to the donors. May the merciful Lord bless all of you and send you success in your work!

In the city of Brest, Bible Courses had been arranged for preachers, and there I met Brother Martcinkovsky and his wife. We liked Brother Martcinkovsky—he is God's child. He spoke about the faithfulness of God's Word, about Palestine, about archeological research, and about the duties of workers on God's field. His wife, who is the daughter of an archeologist, taught in our Sunday School. Brother Martcinkovsky is a valuable worker. He is educated and devoted to the work of Christ, and is a good fisherman among the Russian people.

On another missionary trip taken recently, we experienced much joy and also much sorrow. I administered holy communion in several places and conducted evangelistic meetings, answering questions of inquirers. Many people attended and we had good meetings, in spite of snow and stormy weather. We were blessed by the Lord, even a few godless being influenced.

The churches are all going through troublous times because of false teaching, much of which is coming from America (although we have also received much good from this country). However, the pure gospel teaching conquers and some who have been affected have come back again to the evangelical faith. Our own church in Lyskow has had to excommunicate some of its members and they are trying to harm us.

It is hard to work in these days and Christian ideas have little favorable soil, because the revolutionary spirit is dominant among the people. The crisis has badly affected them.

I am sending you a picture of our good sister Beznosick. She is very poor now, and it is so hard for her to care for her three young babies (triplets), who are sorely in need of food. Perhaps some brethren and sisters would take pity on her in her poverty and do something to help her. We ourselves are doing as much as we can. I appeal especially to the sisters that they may send a mite for this family.

I saw Brother Philip Manetz. We talked much about God's work and we did not forget you. Please pray for us. Though we are of different regiments, we are all of the same army. Meetings are being held regularly in our Gospel Hall. Glory to God! Again I thank you for the brotherly love, which was so practically expressed.

DAY OF PRAYER HELD MONTHLY

Cincinnati

Our friends in this city report great blessing in their times of united intercession. We give the program of the day of prayer which they had in April:

11 A. M. to 12.00 M.—Conducted by Mrs. D——
Why Do Men Pray?
Prayer for missionaries, training schools, and colleges the world around.

12.00 M. to 1.00 P. M.—Miss M—— (A Virginia Asher Council girl)
Why Do Christians Pray?
Prayer for one another, for faith and courage to stand fast in these dark times. Prayer for our homes and for our youth.

1.00 P. M. to 2.00 P. M.—Conducted by Rev. M—
Why Pray When the Universe Is Governed by Law?
Prayer for the governments of the world; for rulers of nations; for the awakening of national leaders to the worth of a human soul.

2.00 P. M. to 3.00 P. M.—Conducted by Mrs. J——
Praise and Testimony; Prayers of Thanksgiving.

Faith and Trust

Oh, the simplicity of God's way of salvation! It is not "whosoever believeth in Jesus, and gives up his sins;" nor "whosoever believeth in Jesus, and acts up to it;" nor "whosoever believeth in Jesus, and holds on to the end." Thank God, it is "whosoever believeth in Jesus." Scripture teaches that salvation is by grace, through faith, "not of works, lest any man should boast." "To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

—*Alexander Marshall.*

Good Results from Bible Courses

By John Gordiuk

STUDENTS AT MR. GORDIUK'S CHURCH, MLYNOW, POLAND

BLESSED be the Name of the Almighty One, who revealed it to Abram and made him Abraham. Our fruitfulness depends wholly on Him. Only where our might is exhausted, God can show His might. He can not show it to us until we recognize our powerlessness. All glory belongs to Him alone. He wants us to be fruitful, but it will be only as we abide in Him, the True Vine. He needs to cleanse us very often and keep us in the consciousness of our powerlessness. The Apostle Paul received the same revelation directly from the Lord: "My strength is made perfect in weakness . . . Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then I am strong." "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Glory to His Name!

As I wrote to you before, we have had two weeks of Bible Courses, from February 18 to March 5. The Lord sent us Brother Gitlin and two other brethren with him. Every day we had a Bible study, and every night a meeting on some theme of practical life. The Lord blessed their ministry and we had a precious time together. As a result of these Courses, many unbelievers began to visit our meetings. They were also a great help to many of the native preachers, who had never had such Bible teaching. The lack of Bible knowledge is keenly felt here. It is no wonder that false teachings find good soil in the hearts of young believers and even preachers.

Yes, we are living in a very hard time, and this incites us more and more to prepare ourselves for the meeting with our beloved Lord and Saviour. It compels us as never before to "Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face evermore." In such times we must "remember . . . them which suffer adversity as being yourselves also in the body." The present day economical crisis helps many Christians to place a right value on the things which are temporal and those which are eternal. We need to "watch and pray." The Lord is very near.

May the Lord help you in your work and reward you for your interest in the needs of this field!

LATEST NEWS FROM ALBANIA

By P. B. Kennedy

MRS. KENNEDY writes concerning the recent accident: "Last Saturday I accompanied Zoitza to the office of one of the authorities, who wished to inquire into the accident. She was sworn in and answered the questions well. Of course, she really did not know much about it. She and Mrs. Jacques had started to walk around to another part where the coasting promised to be better. Mr. Jacques's plan was all right, but the children had not understood the instructions! Hasan was also questioned and asked if he had any complaint against Mr. Jacques. He said, 'None whatever!' He said he knew it was an *accident* and that he had more to *thank* us Americans for, than to *complain* about. He spoke up very decidedly in our favor. Athina's mother was also questioned last Saturday and she said she had no complaint.

"Yesterday we had such a strong sermon by Mr. Jacques, and there was a good attendance. It being Palm Sunday, the children did not come out in such a crowd to the Primary Department of our Sunday School—only 73. The week before there were 173! I have the boys of my class (Fifth Grade) help in seating the children, keeping order, ventilating the room after they leave, etc. Mr. Kosova has the older boys who come in from the outside, together with the boys of our Fifth Preparatory."

A radiogram has come from Mrs. Kennedy, dated April 25, which reads: "School categorically closed today." This is because we have had the Bible in our school curriculum. While we received the permit for our school before the constitution was adopted, the government apparently feels that they cannot allow any school in Albania to have the Bible because we have never received any financial help from the government in any way—for our teachers' salaries, or for students' assistance, or for the purchase of our property. I judge our school will go on regularly to the end of this school year. We employ seven teachers and three assistants and they are all doing faithful service. Let us pray especially for Mrs. Kennedy and for Mr. and Mrs. Jacques, as they sit in counsel with other consecrated spirits to know God's will for the future advancement of our Evangelical Mission work in Albania, that Christ our Saviour may continue to be lifted up through the teaching of His Word and all men be drawn unto Him. We have regarded our Preparatory School as one good way to glorify Him and to lead children to love Him.

JEWISH STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE GOSPEL

By J. I. Schnapp

(*Translated from the German*)

THE Lord gave special grace and favor this month in the work among the Jews. I have had five large meetings in addition to the regular street meetings. One meeting was held especially for Jewish students. The large hall here, which I rented for the purpose, was filled to overflowing. I talked to them about the suffering of our Lord and Saviour and what it means to Israel as a nation, for the Son of God (according to the flesh) is the greatest and most wonderful Son of Israel. In my exhortation I pointed to three kinds of inheritance that the Messiah left to this world: first, his earthly garments to the cruel Roman soldiers; second, a portion in Paradise to the repentant thief; and third, His finished work of redemption to a sinful world.

I compared the first inheritance, the earthly garments over which the soldiers gambled, with the inheritance of the Jews, who are my brethren according to the flesh. Instead of believing in the resurrected Messiah, Jesus Christ, and appropriating by faith His life, death, and resurrection, they prefer to cling to the old Jewish traditions, to have their prayer straps, prayer garments, prayer forms, and parchment rolls nailed to the door posts, in order to seek salvation, and in the end they have as much as those cruel Roman soldiers had with those garments which had been cast aside. Our Saviour, the Holy One of Israel, after all earthly possessions had been taken from Him and divided among those gambling soldiers, was still able to offer pardon and a portion in Paradise to the dying, repentant thief. This inheritance is still being offered freely to a hell-deserving world, through His finished work of redemption, "to the Jew first," and is to be accepted by faith in His shed Blood.

While I was giving this illustration, many of the Jewish lady students wept. Many others thanked me for this explanation, as none of their Jewish teachers had ever taught them these truths. Several

of them came and offered themselves as willing to sit under Christian teaching (without pay). I am glad for this opportunity and am willing to give two lessons a week to all who are willing to listen. May our Lord continue to bless this work! Please pray for us.

GODLINESS VERSUS INIQUITY

By Arthur Bluhm

THE peace of God our Saviour be with you! "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2 : 11-14).

The grace of God, which has been proved over and over again to be "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," hath wrought great things in our Latvia during these last weeks. Especially hungry for the gospel are the Lettish country folks, who come to the meetings for miles and find their way home in the dark of night without any road. By His grace, I held gospel meetings at Paplaki, Shkedi, Matere, Medze, and other places. The meetings were crowded and the Holy Spirit wrought mighty conviction in the hearts of men and women. In some places scoffers came into the meetings, but they had to hold their peace. God did not permit them to disturb our meetings. In every place souls have been rescued. We praise Him and give Him the glory!

The spirit of Antichrist is working mightily to take away our freedom in preaching the gospel here. Blasphemers, like those of whom Paul spoke, calling them false apostles and deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ, rise and speak evil of the true servants of the Lord, in order that they might by some means stop the preaching of the gospel. Pray more earnestly, brethren, that He who still sits on the Throne might rebuke Satan and spoil his efforts in these attacks.

By His grace and permission, I started a Sunday School for children. The number has now reached twenty-five—fifteen boys and ten girls, aged from six to thirteen. Jesus loves the children, and therefore my motto shall be: "My whole class for Jesus."

One night every week we gather for earnest prayer for the American European Fellowship and its co-laborers at home and abroad. We trust in Him that hears and answers. Remember, we need your prayers.

TRAVELING IN ESTHONIA

By N. Mosherenok

I THANK the American friends very heartily for the support received for my evangelical work, and also for the relief money which came from you for Sister M. P——. She is so grateful. It arrrived just at the time she left the hospital, and she literally had nothing to eat. When I went to her and took your money, she wept, thanking God for the help. May the Lord bless the kind donors!

At the present time I am working in Reval. There was a matter in the local church here demanding my attention. I meet many thirsty souls in Esthonia, and I serve them in the name of Christ. I have invitations to go to many places.

Catholics, Lutherans, and Greek Orthodox clergy are trying to unite their efforts against us who are active, striving to evangelize. I see the near coming of the Lord, and we must watch.

I again visited Petchersky district and held with Brother Moriakoff a series of evangelical meetings. Some difficult questions arose, and it was my duty to help my brethren to settle them. Then the Lord showed me another place in Esthonia on the very border of Russia, around Tchudsky Lake, and there I visited in a town by the name of Black. I held meetings there, and had especially blessed heart to heart talks with some souls who sought the Lord for salvation. In the village of Lebez I dedicated two babies.

I heartily greet every one of you.

Our true and only safeguard in a world where we have to pick our way through miry places without defiling ourselves, is to have the sweet life of Christ in our souls.—*Bishop Thorold.*

Itinerating Work

By K. Jaroszuk

IN JANUARY I visited 47 families, including nine Jewish families, one Armenian, and five sick people. I walked 110 kilometers and took charge of fourteen meetings. It was difficult to walk at that time, because the weather was very cold and the roads were bad.

When we visited the believers, we saw the poverty of the people. Many of our brethren have no bread, and there is no employment. Everything is so sorrowful. I had compassion upon them, but I could not help them because I myself am so poor.

In Yezernitzy we had a good service for the children, with a Christmas tree. Because of the cold weather we did not expect many people, but they crowded our meeting place. The people in this district do not know much about Christmas trees. This tree was not so beautiful as they usually are, but it was pretty enough. Many people attended our services for the first time. There were also some Jews present. Everything was arranged according to a definite program, and the children were very well prepared. Brother Berezko had arranged everything very well. Everything was very solemn. We sang many hymns and the people were stirred. There were recitations of gospel verses and poetry. The atmosphere was reverent. Some outsiders were so interested that they expressed a wish to send their children to our meetings also. At the end, gifts were distributed and there was much joy. The Lord was glorified in it all. When the meeting was over, the people did not want to leave, so we had a little song service.

In February I went to ten places, visiting 44 families, among whom were Jews and Roumanians. I also visited in the hospital. Fourteen meetings were conducted and I walked 90 kilometers. The weather was very frosty. Everywhere I meet people complaining about the present crisis, and I admonish them to turn to the Lord and His gospel. One woman, with whom I talked, accepted the Lord and is now a joyous Christian. Sometimes we meet people who have fallen away spiritually, and we try to help them. The people seem so glad to meet us. The children are especially enthusiastic about our meetings.

In March I visited 54 homes, eight of which were Jewish. I held 17 meetings—for revival, for prayer, and for the children. I had talks in my home with 110 visitors. I walked 96 kilometers, distributing hundreds of tracts. The people were very attentive in our meetings, and they prayed very earnestly. We also administered Holy Communion. There is some opposition from the authorities because of the distribution of evangelical literature, but the people are glad to listen to us and to accept our literature and they invite us to come again.

PRINTING YIDDISH SCRIPTURES

By Isaac Sofer

WE HAVE received the money sent for printing the Epistle of James, and we are most thankful to God for answered prayer. I am sending you two samples of this new Yiddish edition. On the front page there is a preface which tells of the godly character of the apostles, and of James in particular. At the end of the booklet are quoted some verses from the New Testament, namely, John 12:25; I Cor. 13: 13; Romans 12: 17, 21; John 8 : 32; I John 4 : 16. On the back cover page there is a word from the translator that he "will be glad to receive constructive criticism on this translation." He is "also ready to give to persons who have an interest in the doctrine of the Saviour of the World more particular explanations." This is the first attempt of a young Hebrew Christian. We are thankful to God for his gift, and for his zeal to present the Word of God to our Jewish people in a language that they can understand. We trust God may move the hearts of His dear people to help us in prayer and gifts so that we may be able to edit the whole New Testament in good Yiddish, for the need of it is very great. He is the God of all possibilities. "True hearts" and "full assurance of faith" may He grant to His redeemed ones in this last needy time (Hebrews 10 : 22).

I am glad to know from your letter that some means has come in for Jewish Scriptures. Praise God for it! We are heartily grateful to all the dear ones who have a share in the distribution of the Scriptures among His ancient people through us.

As to the work in our Ogrodowa Hall in Warsaw, we have no doubt that the Lord is preparing the minds and hearts of many of our young Jewish people to a knowledge of Himself. I am thankful that He is using in this work some young Hebrew Christians, as well as myself. Jewish missionaries

in our country are in much need of your prayers—that He may draw us closer to Himself, that we may love Him more, and that He may fill us with His Spirit. Jeremiah 33 : 3 and Malachi 3 : 10 may encourage us to pray.

RUSSIAN BIBLE FUND

By I. V. Neprash

THROUGH the kindness of the editor, an appeal for contributions to the Russian Bible Fund appeared in this magazine a few years ago. A splendid response followed.

According to the conditions connected with the permission to print the Scriptures in Soviet Russia, all the work had to be done over there. Only a part of the original program has been accomplished, because, since the fall of 1928, nothing of a religious content can be published in Russia. Neither can it be imported from outside. Therefore, the activity of the Russian Bible Fund ceased.

The balance on hand, without any expenditures, has been kept by Mr. Hugh R. Munro, the treasurer of the Fund, in the saving department of a safe bank, of which he is the President. We have waited for another opportunity to use the funds according to the original plan for which the money had been donated. This opportunity came when the secretary of the Fund recently made an evangelistic tour of nine months, covering five European countries, and learned of the spiritual need there.

At a recent Russian Bible Fund Committee meeting, it was decided to publish 2,000 Russian and 10,000 Ukrainian New Testaments for these nationalities, of whom there are millions in Poland alone. The larger part of the amount used for this purpose will be returned with the sale of the books; the smaller part will be donated to lower the sale price of the books to the impoverished people there. This new plan happily affords us the possibility of using the funds for the same purpose for which they were originally given, and there are indications of new and still larger opportunities. May the donors unite with us in prayer that all of the obstacles during the publication and distribution will be removed and great blessing follow the study of the Holy Book.

A letter was mailed a few years ago to all the names on file, but, owing to change of addresses, many of the letters were returned by the post office. If there are any donors who have not received this information, the secretary will be glad to answer any inquiries addressed to him: I. V. Neprash, 850 E. Thompson Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

INCREASING INTEREST IN ESTHONIA

By Ivan Moriakoff

LAST week we held meetings in which both my father-in-law and my brother-in-law preached. The blessing of God was on the meetings, and we had no opposition from outsiders. The people's hearts are becoming more tender. Sometimes it is necessary for us to walk long distances, and we pray as we go along. These walks are very beautiful as we pass woods, hills, and rivers. In a certain village a man offered us his house for the meetings, without our asking him for it. He himself was so interested in our evangelistic work that he gathered the people together himself and, sitting in their midst, he wept while we preached. At the close of the meeting the people treated us very well.

The Greek Orthodox priesthood, however, oppose our evangelical activity. My relatives were strongly admonished to return to the Greek Church and to give up the gospel teaching which they had some time ago accepted, but they stood firm in the faith.

A very strange thing happened recently. Our local priest lent his silver cross, which belonged to the church, and when it became necessary for him to perform religious ceremonies with this cross, the people discovered what he had done and were very much perplexed. He confessed his sin before a crowd of people. People are talking much about sin in these days because of our preaching of the pure gospel.

The godless, seemingly under the influence of Red Russia, gave a lecture last Sunday which was designed to destroy any idea of the existence of God. This is the first time we have had such lectures in our district. I am sorry to say that some of the young people agreed with the ideas set forth by these propagandists, so it is specially necessary for us to watch and pray.

Two days ago, my wife and I walked to another village, where a wonderful service was held and many gospel hymns were sung by the young people. This service was attended by the godless propa-

gandists, but they were silent and listened very attentively to our sermon. To another of our meetings the socialists came, with their political questions. They even tried to interpret the gospel, of course perverting it in a very radical way. However, the majority in the audience asked us to arrange for more evangelical meetings.

I have recently had unusually many invitations to preach. Brother Mosherenok has worked with us in a very blessed way. In the village of Lebez, five new converts have expressed their desire to be baptized.

Who Are the Pomaks?

By C. Marvakoff

A GROUP OF POMAKS

"CASTING all your care upon Him; for He careth for you." The Apostle Peter had experience in all situations of life, and learned what to do with all his cares and sorrows. Therefore, he could say with a joyful heart, "Casting all your care upon Him." Does that mean that we should not worry or struggle? Yes, it does, for Peter says, "*He* careth for you." The great German reformer, Martin Luther, says: "Nothing is accomplished by all our might—we soon lose out; our Saviour has wrought victory for us." Our dear Saviour cares and will fight our battles for us. He also fights through us to save others. I am sure that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will do that for me and the work I am doing in weakness, for His "strength is made perfect in weakness." Thus the gospel of our crucified Saviour is preached among the Pomaks.

Who are the Pomaks? Nationally, the Pomaks are Bulgarians. About 500 years ago, the Turks fought with Bulgaria and subdued it. That was a dark day for the Bulgarian nation. Part of our Bulgarian people were forced into the Mohammedan religion, without any explanation as to what the belief is. The grandfathers of the Pomaks of today blindly became Mohammedans, in order to save their lives, and today we count 95,000 who confess Mohammedanism, but who are really Bulgarians with the Mohammedan religion. They have been hindered from acquiring knowledge, and are a very plain living people. According to the Mohammedan law, the men have a right to have from one to five

wives. Women are merely slaves. No meetings are held for them and they have no part in open worship or prayer.

Should we bring the gospel to these poor, lost, forgotten people? Should we bring them to Jesus, a living and loving Saviour, that He might enlighten them and give them life? I have bought a small house in one of these little villages, where I shall hold meetings in the near future. I am sure the Lord will bless the work and cause it to bear fruit in His own time. Hearty greetings to all.

HOPE OF BELIEVERS IN SOVIET RUSSIA

(Translated from the Russian)

THROUGH Mr. A. Dobrinin, there has come to us an instructive letter from a banished evangelical worker in Russia. It reads as follows:

"Why does faith bring us so much comfort, joy, and happiness, in the midst of much suffering, many trials, and various limitations? Under such circumstances, why do we not feel lost and forsaken? It is because we experience the dying of the Lord Jesus, as spoken of in II Cor. 4: 10. He who believes on the Son of God has everlasting life. The Apostle Paul got some vision of this eternal life when he was carried up into the third heaven. Having this in view, he could say, 'Neither count I my life dear unto myself.'

"We remember the words: 'I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.' No matter how great our sufferings here on earth may be, they will sometime be all over. The blessed year, day, and hour will come when all our tribulations will be finished and we will enter into heaven. Our suffering, which is so great now, will then seem as nothing. The future of God's true children will be so great and so joyful that no memory of our present trials will remain. No imagination, no rich fantasies, no human language can possibley convey any idea of that place about which the Lord Jesus Christ said, 'Where I am, there ye may be also.' 'They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.' God's glory will shine, and the light will be Christ Himself. That joy will never be taken away from us. Let us thank God ceaselessly, with reverence and deep humility, and with patience let us await what has been promised.

"In addition to salvation, which is given to all believers, heroes of faith will receive a special reward. Some of them will obtain incorruptible crowns (I Cor. 9: 25). I think these crowns will be given to those Christians who are not walking after the flesh. Then we learn about a crown of righteousness (II Tim. 4: 8). This belongs to those who are conquerors over sin, in spite of stormy trials. We have a crown of glory (I Peter 5: 4). This reward belongs to the ministers in the kingdom of God who serve the flock with real self-sacrifice. We read, too, about the crown of rejoicing (I Thess. 2: 19, 20), which will be given to soul-winners. The crown of life (Rev. 2: 10) is particularly difficult to obtain. It will be placed on the heads of martyrs, who spared not even their lives for the sake of Christ's work, His church, and His testimony. In the early days of Christianity there were many who received this crown.

"Search your own hearts, and find out what your expectations are. Will you receive any of these promised rewards? If so, you are blessed; if not, then it is neccssary for you to repent."

APPRECIATION OF RELIEF

Brother S. B., of Finland, having received a little help from the Fellowship through Mr. A. Dobrinin, writes us: "I thank the Lord and you for the help I received. We were at that time especially under heavy obligations to pay our tax, and we used your money at once for this urgent need, so that the money never even reached our home."

GREEK ORTHODOX PRIEST ASKS FOR EVANGELICAL LITERATURE

Rev. I. S., of Sydney, Australia, writes us: "Most thankfully I received the magazine *Vernost* (Faithfulness) and read it with great interest. Although I am a Greek Orthodox priest, yet I am very much interested in such evangelical literature. I should like to get in touch with you, but I am so poor that I cannot subscribe. I am a simple laborer and receive nothing for my services as priest, because the parish is so poor. I ask you to send me different old numbers of your magazine. They would be helpful to me. I esteem your work in he field of Christ."

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